

Colleges, Universities & Green Power

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- Networks & Resources
- Urgency! What makes this such a pressing issue?

Networks

- Why Networks?
 - Build Regional Support
 - Continue Regional Momentum
 - Information is POWER - Learn From Our Past & Repeat Success!!
- Existing efforts
 - Energy Action
 - Green House Network

Energy Action - History

- November 13th, 2003: 65 campuses take action for clean energy solutions
- April 1st, 2004: 130 actions!
- June 4-6th, 2004: Energy Action is born!!



*University of Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee, 9/08/04

Students participating in a
Clean Energy Rally spell out
'CLEAN ENERGY'

Energy Action - 4 Focuses

- Energy Action is uniting a diversity of organizations in an alliance that will support and strengthen the student and youth clean energy movement in North America. Together we will leverage our collective power and create change for a clean, efficient, just and renewable energy future. We will accomplish this by focusing on four strategic areas:
- **Campus Action**
- **Political Participation**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Corporate Responsibility**

Energy Action - Diversity

- 'Active Members' - Regional Coalitions, Regional Networks, National Organizations, Regional Organizations, Sustainability Programs
 - California Student Sustainability Coalition
 - Climate Campaign
 - Energy Justice Network
 - Envirocitizen
 - Free The Planet!
 - Global Exchange
 - Greenpeace
 - National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Program
 - Student Environmental Action Coalition
 - Sierra Student Coalition
 - Sierra Youth Coalition
 - Southeast Climate Network
 - Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
 - Students United for a Responsible Global Environment

October 19th, 2004

- National Day of Action: **Goal of 300 campus** and community actions in solidarity for clean energy!
- Use 2004 Presidential Elections as a platform of what matters to voting youth
- Force energy issues in to the debates of elected officials @ local, state, & federal level
- *Declaration of Independence from Dirty Energy:* **30,000 + signatures of youth voters**
- Engage, Educate, and continue momentum

Energy Action -For Beginners?

- First steps are always the hardest!!
- Useful:
 - Point source for questions
 - Materials & Resources
 - Organizing manuals, campaign materials, fact sheets, & sample documents
 - Experience & Guidance
 - Networks w/ Open arms!!
- **WWW.ENERGYACTION.NET**

Green House Network



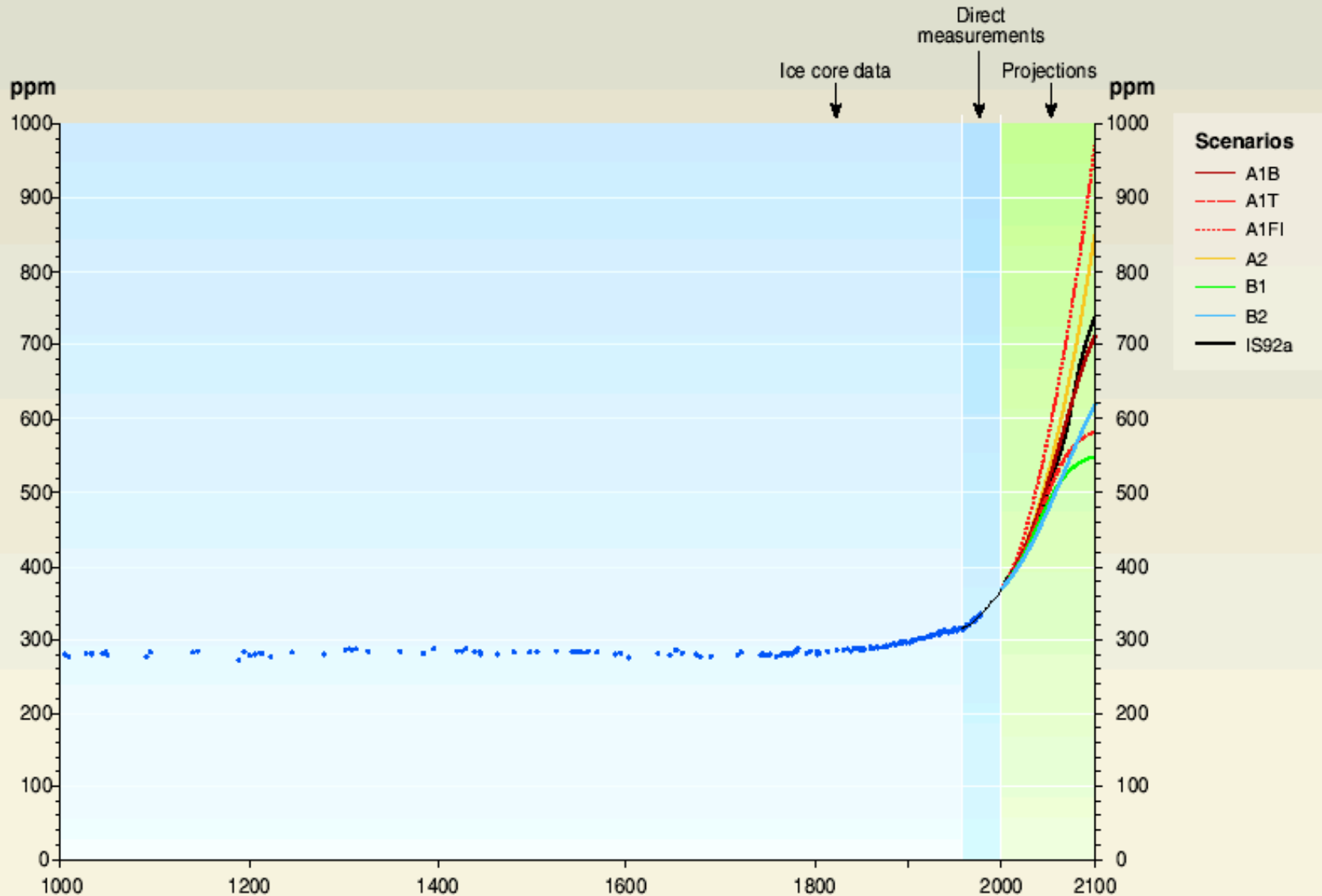
- Mission: to educate and unite business, government, students, civic organizations, community leaders, and citizens in the effort to stabilize the climate
- * National Volunteer Speakers Network *
 - Educates Volunteers
 - Presenters Speak at No Charge
- *Grassroots Communication!*
 - Nearly 200 Speakers in 30 States
 - Reached over 15,000: college campuses; businesses; community centers; retirement communities; congregations....

Urgency!! - What's to come?

- Immediate need to stabilize our *EXPONENTIAL* carbon output
- Fossil Fuels: The Last Hours of the Ancient Sunlight (1999 Thom Hartmann)
 - “By burning trees, coal, and oil, we’re currently pouring over six billion tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year, an explosion compared to the 1.6 billion tons we spit out in 1950.”
- "The significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them." -- Albert Einstein

Past and Future CO₂ Atmospheric Concentrations

- source: UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2001



In the News....

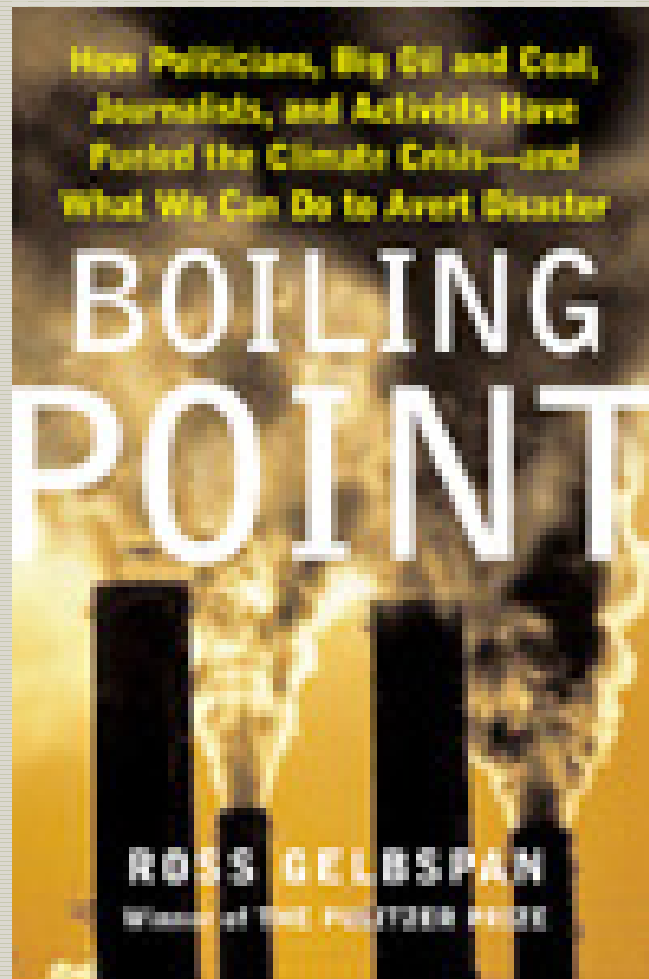
■ *New York Times* August 26th, 2004

White House Shifts Its Focus on Climate

By Andrew Revkin

In a striking shift in the way the Bush administration has portrayed the science of climate change, a new report to Congress focuses on federal research indicating that emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat trapping gasses are the only likely explanation for global warming of the the last three decades.

Aug. 2004 - Boiling Point

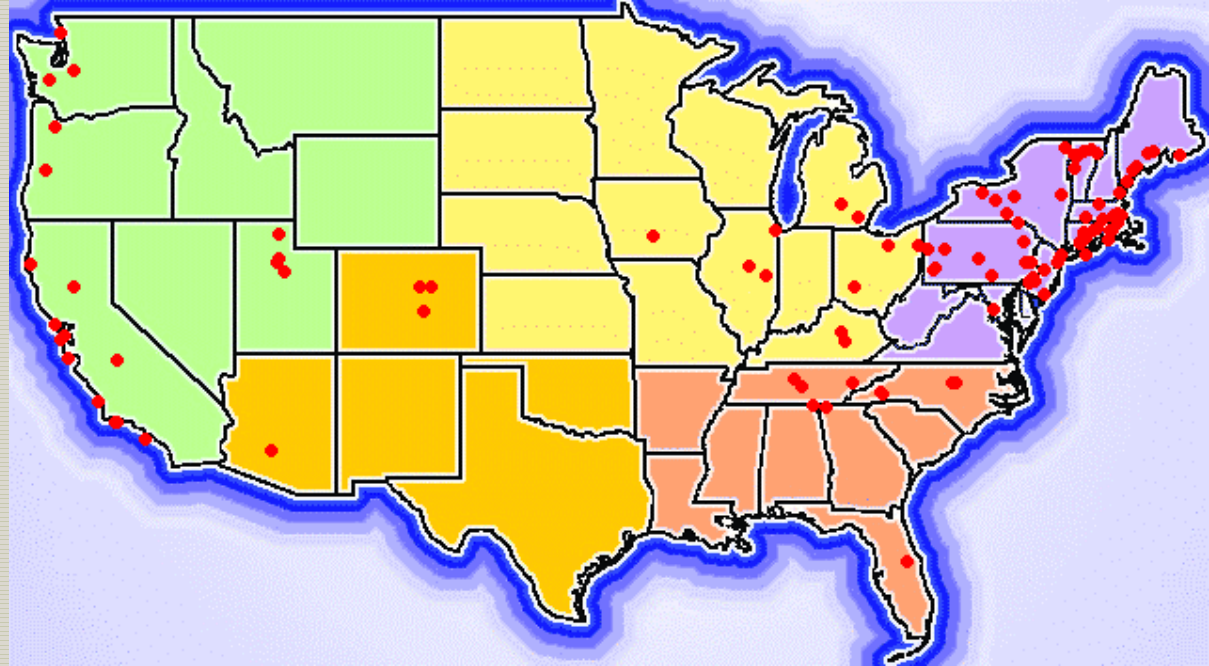


“Our climate is capable of immense and wildly disruptive surprises. Every day, those surprises seem progressively more likely than not. Not only are we gambling with our future, we are gambling with our eyes blindfolded. We can’t even read the cards we’ve been dealt.” - Gelbspan pg 32

The Future... ..

Clean Energy & Campuses

“University work is particularly worthwhile because our educational institutions are the traditional seedbeds of social progress.



We look to our colleges and universities for new ideas and new directions. If students can make climate change a priority on their campuses, that message will begin to reverberate through the larger society.” - Gelbspan pg 142

Energy, a new vision...

Students have historically been on the leading edge of social movements...



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Take Action!

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